

## [George Linstead]

### FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER George Hartman ADDRESS 3438 W St.

DATE October 18, 1938 SUBJECT Folklore

1. Name and address of informant 25th & W George Linstead
2. Date and time of Interview Tuesday 10-12
3. Place of interview 25th and W
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant None
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

He lives in an attic at 25th and W. He works for the lady of the house and has recently constructed an addition to the house.

### FORM B Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER George Hartman ADDRESS 2438 W St.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT George Linstead

1. Ancestry Irish

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2. Place and date of birth 1873

3. Family Lived with family until 15

4. Places lived in, with dates on farm, Covington, Ky., Hastings, Lincoln, Cincinnati—exact dates unknown

5. Education, with dates High school and college

6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates Machinist, tool-maker, pattern-maker, carpenter

7. Special skills and interests Violin making, skilled woodwork

8. Community and religious activities None

9. Description of informant Is 65 years of age but only looks 40. Weighs 200 lbs, and is strongest man for his age I have ever saw.

10. Other points gained in interview Is an extravert. Will not divulge much. Is a bachelor. A great lover of children. Somewhat radical in some of his viewpoints. Has lived a life of variety. Once served in navy where he was heavyweight boxing champion but will not give any details.

### FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

I was born in Kentucky, graduated from high school there. Learned machinist and tool-making trade and then started rambling around. Been in so many places that I wouldn't know where to start.

Found out that one trade wasn't enough so made myself versatile. Taught school and taught at state university during world war.

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The country first lived was shortly after Civil War. The hate was evenly divided. We had people from Union and Confederate armies that lived down there.

I first hit Nebraska in 1907. I first was introduced to Nebraska when in Kentucky some Nebraska Indians came up and played baseball in Kentucky. The Indians told me that Nebraska was largely Indian so I naturally expected to see more Indians than I did. The fact that I was here 5 years before I even saw an Indian and likewise a Swede.

The flatness of Nebraska struck me because in Kentucky it is mountainous. Also the clouds seemed very close to the ground in a storm. One clap of thunder can be heard several times in Kentucky hills but in Nebraska this is not evident.

I came here just at the time automobiles became popular. The old farmers getting out and holding their horses and would swear plenty at the autoists.

Nebraska has become more highly educated because of the automobile, because people can move around more.

It seemed to me when I came to Nebraska that strangers were looked on with much distrust which I did not find in Kentucky. Kentucky people are more larger physically than in Nebraska. They are more raw-boned in Kentucky. There are communities where there are no man under six feet tall. The limestone water helps make people larger physically. More vegetables are eaten in Kentucky than Nebraska and this seems to help people physically. Housewives can more fruits and vegetables in Kentucky than in Nebraska. The standard of living is about the same.

Favorite folklore songs were: "Massa's in de cold, cold ground," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Swanee River," and songs written up about mountain feuds. Mountain feuds are bad things to get into. The feuds are due to the solitude of the people in the mountains.

The people are intelligent even though uneducated in Kentucky.

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Not many people have migrated to Nebraska, from Kentucky.